

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-26 (cancelled).

Claim 27 (currently amended): An information processing apparatus comprising:
first reception means which receives television programs via a first transmission path, the first transmission path including a ground-wave broadcast;

second reception means which receives supplementary information via a second transmission path, the second transmission path including a communication satellite broadcast;

display control means which operates a display device to display a specified television program received by the first reception means in a first region of the display device and a plurality of symbolic images in a second region of the display device, each symbolic image indicating a kind of supplementary information received by the second reception means, the display control means configured to absolve a user from switching between the ground-wave and satellite broadcasts;

selection means for selecting a symbolic image from the plurality of the symbolic images;

wherein the display control means controls to display, in response to the selection of a symbolic image, the supplementary information indicated by the selected symbolic image in the first region and the specified television program in place of the selected symbolic image in the second region.

Claim 28 (previously presented): An information processing apparatus according to claim 27, wherein the display control means controls to display a transition screen on the display device by gradually expanding the selected symbolic image and gradually reducing the frame of the specified television program.

Claim 29 (previously presented): An information processing apparatus according to claim 27, further comprising access means which accesses a server to obtain further data related to the supplementary information.

Claim 30 (previously presented): An information processing apparatus according to claim 27, wherein the first region is a larger screen area at a top section of the display device.

Claim 31 (previously presented): An information processing apparatus according to claim 27, wherein the second region is a smaller screen area at a bottom section of the display device.

Claim 32 (currently amended): An information processing method comprising the steps of:

receiving television programs via a first transmission path, the first transmission path including a ground-wave broadcast;

receiving supplementary information via a second transmission path, the second transmission path including a communication satellite broadcast;

controlling a display device to display a specified television program received via the first transmission path in a first region of the display device and a plurality of symbolic images in a second region of the display device, each symbolic image indicating a kind of supplementary information received via the second transmission path, and controlling the display device such that a user is absolved from switching between the ground-wave and satellite broadcasts; and

selecting a symbolic image from the plurality of the symbolic images;

wherein the controlling step controls to display, in response to the selection of the symbolic image, the supplementary information indicated by the selected symbolic image in the first region and the specified television program in place of the selected symbolic image in the second region.

Claim 33 (previously presented): An information processing method according to claim 32, wherein the controlling step controls to display a transition screen by gradually expanding the selected symbolic image and gradually reducing the frame of the specified television program.

Claim 34 (previously presented): An information processing method according to claim 32, further comprising the step of accessing a server to obtain further data related to the supplementary information.

Claim 35 (previously presented): An information processing method according to claim 32, wherein the controlling step controls to gradually transition, in response to the selection of the symbolic image, the selected symbolic image from the second region to the first region, and to display the supplementary information indicated by the selected symbolic image in place of the selected symbolic image in the first region.

Claim 36 (new): An information processing apparatus according to claim 27, the supplementary information including user residential location information, the display control means operating the display device to display the plurality of symbolic images based the user residential location information.

Claim 37 (new): An information processing apparatus according to claim 27, the supplementary information including an access restrict flag, the display control means operating the display device to prevent display of the plurality of symbolic images based the access restrict flag.

Claim 38 (new): An information processing apparatus according to claim 27, further comprising a recording medium in connection with the display device, wherein the recording medium stores the supplementary information in internal memory in response to the selection of the symbolic image.

Claim 39 (new): An information processing method according to claim 32, the supplementary information including user residential location information, further comprising the step of controlling the display device to display the plurality of symbolic images based the user residential location information.

Claim 40 (new): An information processing method according to claim 32, the supplementary information including an access restrict flag, further comprising the step of controlling the display device to prevent display of the plurality of symbolic images based the access restrict flag.

Claim 41 (new): An information processing method according to claim 32, a recording medium being in connection with the display device, and further comprising the step of storing the supplementary information in internal memory of the recording medium in response to the selection of the symbolic image.